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Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A
DEVICE AND ITS USE.

Examiner/GAU: David Bryant/3726

Molières-sur-Cèze, France, 2001, May 16, Wed

ANSWER TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2001, March 16, please accept the following
amendments for formal reasons:

IN THE MARKED-UP COPY OF THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Page 10, at the beginning of line 14, please delete "6" and insert- 5 -- in its place.

CORRESPONDINGLY IN THE PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Page 9, at the beginning of line 4, please delete "6" and insert- 5 -- in its place.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 2 and 16 in amended form:

--2. (Eleven Times Amended) A device for holding an object by clamping the
object while preventing damage thereto, said device comprising:

a cylindrical support part, and

two arms, each arm including a transverse hole and at least one of these arms carrying an
elastic buffer secured thereto, said buffer having a contact face for contacting said object
and having under its contact face a thickness large enough so that said buffer acts as a
compression spring when said buffer contacts said object, and being resilient enough
such that said contact face can flex and pivot to substantially conform to the surface of

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